APPROVES THREE SOCIETIES

American Legion and Two Fraternities Recognized by Faculty.

Faculty recognition was given Thursday to the Ohio State University Post of the American Legion, which numbers about 500 members. The establishment of chapters of two fraternities for colored students was also approved at the same meeting of the faculty: Zeta chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi (men) and Epsilon chapter of Delta Sigma Theta (women).

The new musical-comedy organization of men called the Scarlet Mask, was placed on probation for two years, when its petition for recognition as a permanent organization will be acted upon.
Kappa Alpha Psi Wins Debate on "Prohibition"

Kappa Alpha Psi, defending the affirmative side, won the annual Interfraternity debate from Alpha Phi Alpha at the Spring Street Y. M. C. A. last Wednesday. Both are colored fraternities.

The subject was, "Resolved, that the Prohibition Amendment Be Repealed." Kappa Alpha Psi was represented by L. A. Ransom, D. T. Murray, and L. M. Hunter. Ralph W. Findley, W. C. Pyant, and Charles Warfield debated for Alpha Phi Alpha. Decision was unanimous.
CFP Admits 2nd Negro Fraternity

Another Negro fraternity, Kappa Alpha Psi, was admitted to membership in the Council of Fraternity Presidents at the council's meeting Tuesday night.

Two weeks ago Omega Psi Phi was accepted as a member. Now two all-Negro fraternities are represented on the Council.

The vote was taken by secret ballot after Emerson Harris, Engr-3, gave a short talk on the standing of the local chapter of the fraternity.

Bernard Gardner, A-4, chairman of the CFP public relations committee, reported to the Council that a survey of Columbus residents taken Saturday to determine their attitudes concerning the fraternity system was a success. He added that no results were available yet, because the tabulation has not been completed.

At the recommendation of the public relations committee the Council passed a motion setting up a new position, the director of public relations, in the Fraternity Affairs Office.

The person that will hold this position will be selected in the same manner as the director of special events. He must be a junior with talent in journalism.

Plans for Greek Week, Feb. 19-23, were reviewed and it was announced that the Greek Week dance will be semi-formal.
Black greeks set goals: stress all-round potential

By Robert Hunt
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The black greek system encourages its members to achieve personal goals, serve the community and realize their potential, according to some presidents of black fraternities and sororities.

"The thing we stress is achievement — not just academic, but in all forms and fashions. Our members strive to attain some personal goal," said Philip Shotwell, president of Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity.

Learelle Kay Allen, president of Delta Sigma Theta sorority, said being in the sorority helped her develop her personality. "I never was very outgoing. I was always there, but I never developed it. Now I speak up."

Community service is a large part of black greek life according to the presidents. Shotwell said Kappa Alpha Psi has a tutoring program organized for Spring Quarter. Members of Kappa Alpha Psi will tutor elementary and secondary school students in reading and math. The fraternity is also involved with the Big Brothers program, Shotwell said.

Allen said Delta Sigma Theta has worked with Girl Scouts for the last three years. The sorority also sponsored the regional contest for Miss Black America held at Ohio State last year.

Sabrina Lucas, president of Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority, said her sorority has been doing a tutoring project with the North Central Mental Health Association teaching retarded people.

Rochelle Kelley, secretary of Zeta Phi Beta, said the sorority sponsors an annual fashion show in addition to service projects. None of the black fraternities or sororities have houses, but most said they do not miss them.

Allen said Delta Sigma Theta sorority is looking toward having a house in the future. She said the absence of a house is not detrimental to the sorority.

Allen said the sorority meets regularly in the Ohio Union to conduct business. "We've never had a house, so I don't know if it would be better or not," Lucas said.

The presidents said there is interest among some black greeks to participate somewhat with the white greek system, but blacks are satisfied that their own system meets their needs and is growing. "It's not a racial thing but a cultural thing," said Shotwell.

"We've been invited to things (by white greeks) that we're not into, and we've declined. But there is a definite interest in working with the white greeks," Shotwell said. He said members of his fraternity have talked about doing a community service project with a white fraternity after the white fraternity approached them. That is still being planned, he said.

Shotwell said Kappa Alpha Psi sponsors an annual basketball tournament and invites white fraternities. "It's a start," he said.

Allen said it would be fine if the blacks and whites got together, but she is not overly concerned about it. "We have our system and we look out for ourselves. We're not competing with the white greeks."

Lucas said in the past, her sorority did not feel the white greek system had much to offer them. "But now I feel they have a lot to offer and we could be part of the whole system."

Zeta Phi Beta is the only black sorority in the Women's Panhellenic Association.
Black Greek system supports minorities

By Steve Jeffers
Lantern staff writer

Black students say they join fraternities and sororities which are primarily black because they feel outnumbered at a predominately white school such as Ohio State.

There are four black fraternities and three black sororities at Ohio State, and all are affiliated with national organizations.

The four fraternities are Alpha Phi Alpha, Kappa Alpha Psi, Omega Psi Phi and Phi Beta Sigma. The sororities are Alpha Kappa Alpha, Delta Theta Sigma and Zeta Phi Beta.

Like other Greek-letter organizations, these fraternities were founded with common virtues such as scholarship, fellowship and community service, said Barbie Tootle, coordinator of Greek Affairs in the Office of Student Life.

She said the difference between them and other Greek organizations is that they were founded by black men and women in the early part of the century to cater to the needs of black college students.

"Blacks were not welcome in many organizations at that time and for those reasons their fraternities are deeply entrenched in black culture," Tootle said.

Tootle said it is likely that most prominent black leaders were or are black Greeks. She mentioned the late Martin Luther King Jr. and the Rev. Jesse Jackson as examples. King was a member of Alpha Phi Alpha and Jackson is a member of Omega Psi Phi.

"Black Greek tradition is heavily involved in community service and their alumni are very active in that regard," Tootle said.

Sylvia Lawrence, president of Zeta Phi Beta, said her sorority sponsors at least one community service project each quarter. She said past projects have included a Halloween party for underprivileged preschool children and a Valentine's Day party for mentally retarded children.

"It's very important to seek out people who are like yourself and share the same backgrounds, values and traditions," Tootle said.

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Tootle said the small chapters are one of the biggest weaknesses of OSU's black Greek system because "it puts too much responsibility on individual members."

Robert Kuebler, president of Phi Beta Sigma fraternity, said he felt the reason for the small chapters was because there was a declining number of black students at OSU. He also said the small numbers are deceiving because "there are a lot of brothers walking around campus who are not presently active members."

Lawrence said she has the same problems with her sorority.

"We have a lot of inactive sorority sisters and we are trying to get them back into it. We really need them to help us grow," Lawrence said.

Rasberry said another reason for the small chapters is because there is a bad reputation for stiff membership requirements and "that can scare away prospective members."

Rasberry also said some people may choose not to join because they fear being physically branded by having the fraternity's symbol or letters burned into their skin.

"All black fraternities brand. No doubt about it," Rasberry said. "But it is not mandatory, it is a free choice. I think a lot of people think we make them do it."

"I have a brand and I'm going to wear it as a symbol to show everyone how much I love my fraternity," Rasberry said.

Kuebler said he had a brand and "if I could do it again, I wouldn't. Your love and appreciation for your fraternity should be in your heart not just in the brand."
Basketball tournament held for students, faculty, staff

By Kelly Griffith
Lantern staff writer

Ohio State's largest undergraduate student-run event will be held from April 26 to May 15 for the 16th year, said Don Bean, director of the event.

Kappa Alpha Psi holds the largest competitive basketball tournament every year to provide an extracurricular activity for the students, faculty and staff, Bean said. Originally, the event was a community service project to bring youth and delinquent children off the streets of Columbus, he said.

Approximately 50 teams compete in the tournament to win trophies, Bean said. "The trophies are astronomical. They are much larger than usual trophies," he said. About 200 T-shirts are also handed out at the event.

There are two divisions to the event, Bean said. Those are the dormitory/fraternity division and the open/independent division. The dormitory/fraternity division is for students living in the dorms and fraternities. The open/independent division is for staff, including Larkins and University Hospital staff members, he said.

The event has an entry fee of $50 a team, Bean said. This fee and an anonymous sponsor fund the event.

The games will be played on 13 days during the span of the event, Bean said. The games will be played at 6 p.m. during the week at Larkins in the exhibition gym. The games will also run two weekends, but the times have not been decided, Bean said. The crowds for the games run from 300-400 people a game.

"The event is well run and we get a large response from the faculty and students, especially the major fraternities," Bean said. "We would like to see a women's division get started. We tried a couple years ago, but the women didn't seem very enthusiastic about it. We would like to have more interested women," Bean said.

Gene Harper, assistant director of intramural sports, said the tournament is the most competitive tournament on campus.
7 arrested in brawl at party by fraternity

By Tim Doulin
Dispatch Staff Reporter

At least seven arrests were made after a brawl involving up to 100 people erupted early Saturday at a fraternity dance at The Ohio State University's Ohio Union.

Police used chemical mace to disperse the crowd after fighting spilled onto the lawn outside the building, police said.

One OSU police officer was injured trying to break up a fight.

Those arrested face charges ranging from disorderly conduct to failure to disperse. At least one of those arrested was an OSU student.

"We have had problems periodically with the dances but none of this scale. This was a little larger than normal," said Deputy Chief Richard P. Harp of the OSU police.

Phi Beta Sigma fraternity sponsored the dance, which was attended by about 300 people. But police blamed the disturbance on two rival fraternities, Alpha Phi Alpha and Kappa Alpha Psi.

Problems began about 1:30 a.m. when a member of each fraternity got into a fight in the West Ballroom where the dance was being held.

An angry crowd gathered when OSU officers arrested one of the participants in the fight and attempted to remove him from the ballroom, Harp said.

"Some people were threatening the police officers and crowding them into a corner," Harp said.

When more fights broke out, the officers radioed for assistance from other campus police and Columbus officers, Harp said. It took police about an hour to control the disturbance.

However, Dewayne Robinson, president of Kappa Alpha Psi, said a rivalry does not exist between his fraternity and Alpha Phi Alpha. He blamed police for mishandling the situation.

"What happened is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha and one of our members got into a fight," Robinson said.

He said that there might have been a few other altercations involving members of the two fraternities, but "police overdid it."

"The mere presence of police will stop fights at Ohio State. They came in and started throwing mace... that is when a lot of the fights started breaking out."
Basketball winner

The big winner of the fifth annual fraternity basketball tournament between Alpha Phi Alpha and Phi Beta Sigma was the United Negro College Fund.

The game attracted more than 150 spectators at Larkins Hall on Friday.

About $200 will be donated to the UNCF as a result of the competition, an event organizer said. Donations came from participants and spectators.

People who attended the game gave contributions to the UNCF in lieu of admission.

"Each team gave a donation fee of $40 and we don't ask spectators for a set admission, but however much people want to give is accepted. It all benefits the UNCF," said James Shorts, a member of Alpha Phi Alpha.

The four fraternities participating in this year's tournament were Iota Phi Theta, Kappa Alpha Psi, Phi Beta Sigma and Alpha Phi Alpha.

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc., was the champion of this year's tournament.